**Life Team Bible Study**

For the week of April 23 - Colors of Grace wk 3

* Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

In Acts 1 and 2 there are six areas that the early church displayed right away - that launched them out. They were:

1. Reading God's word
2. Plugging into a community of Christ followers (church)
3. Praying - they talked to God
4. They recklessly trusted God
5. They humbly waited for God's direction
6. They received and walked in the power of the Holy Spirit

* What are the benefits of following their example in each?
* Do you consider any of them optional? (BTW- none are optional)
* These 6 things are the "what now?" once you become a Christian. Which ones do you find the easiest and most difficult to live out and why?

**Our Mission**

Read Acts 1:8

Acts 1:8 was not the first time Jesus had spelled out the mission he was giving his disciples.

Matthew 28:18-20 / Mark 16:15 / John 20:21

* What does Jesus send us out to do?
* Does that include everyone who is a Christian?
* What role do you see yourself playing in this mission?

**Our Power**

In acts 1 - Jesus promised them the power of the Holy Spirit. One of the responsibilities of the Holy Spirit is to produce the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

Galatians 5:22-23

* When we see a list like this we can often focus too much on what our part is in producing this fruit instead of on God’s part. What insights into your role in fruit bearing do you see in this quote?

“I believe there is a reason Paul listed these virtues and moved on. They aren’t given to us as goals to pursue. Why? Because you and I cannot produce fruit…That’s not our responsibility. The Holy Spirit is the producer. We are merely the bearers. The fruit of the Spirit was never intended to be a demonstration of our dedication and resolve. It is the evidence of our dependency on and sensitivity to the promptings of the Spirit*.”*

*Charles Stanley in The Wonderful Spirit-Filled Life*

John 15:1-6

* How does John 15:1-6 help you better understand what your role, God’s role, and Jesus’ role are in fruit-bearing?
* Are there any steps you could take that would help you in your role of remaining/abiding?
* Jesus’ last conversation with his disciples before his death was at the Last Supper. Several times during that discussion Jesus talked about the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16-17 / John 14:25-26 / John 15:26-27 / John 16:5-15

* According to these verse what does the Holy Spirit do for believers and how does he facilitate the spread of the Gospel?

**Our Response**

* How does this potentially change everything about our life?
* What are we to do with this?
* As we step out in our walk with God – what is the walk away with this all today?